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SPRUCE STREET RAMPS TO CLOSE IN RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that the Spruce Street on-and-off-ramps from the I-215 will close permanently, effective Monday August 2, 2004. The ramp closures are required to continue construction of the new 60-91-215 interchange. As part of the interchange improvements, new Spruce Street on- and off-ramps will be realigned to connect to the new Spruce Street overcrossing bridge from the 91 freeway. The new off-ramp will exit from eastbound 91 and the new on-ramp will enter onto westbound 91, at the new Spruce Street bridge. Estimated completion for the off-ramp is July 2005; the on-ramp is scheduled for a later completion.

Motorists can detour the Spruce Street off-ramp closure by continuing on eastbound 60 / southbound I-215 to the Blaine Street exit, turn right on Third and right on Chicago to Spruce. Motorists can detour the on-ramp closure by taking Spruce to Iowa to Blaine, and then to the I-215 and the interchange, or, for west side access, take Spruce to Kansas to University, and then to either the 91 and the interchange or the I-215 and the interchange.

Heavy equipment will soon be moved to the closed ramp areas as the contractor for the 60-91-215 Interchange and Freeway Improvement project constructs columns to support the new flyover connectors at the interchange, and other improvements. To sign up for the Fast Fax, the project's weekly lane closures bulletin, call 1-866-60-91-215 or visit the web site at www.6091215.dot.ca.gov. Remember to always SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

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